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AMENDMENT F

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

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15. (thrice amended) A two-part plastic buckle comprising:

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a female part including a belt attachment loop, an opening at the opposite end from said belt attachment loop, a front face including an aperture completely surrounded by said front face, a rear face and a pair of edges, each of said edges including a recess communicating with said opening:

a male part including a belt attachment loop and a pair of prongs dimensioned to enter the opening of said female part, each of said pair of prongs